

Testimony for Public Hearing
Public Safety and Security Committee
March 14, 2013

S.B. No. 1076: **AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE.**

Good morning committee members. My name is Lisa Morell. I'm a long-term care nurse, living and working in Bridgeport. I am here today to stand in opposition to SB 1076.

This bill, in its entirety, is an outright affront, and a direct attack on all the lawful, taxpaying citizens of CT—your constituents. This bill serves only to legislate against, demonize, and criminalize lawful citizens exercising their rights under our own State and Federal Constitution.

When considering the DC v Heller decision in 2008, when SCOTUS ruled that firearms in 'common use' such as M16s (the select-fire, full auto version of the civilian AR-15) could not be banned constitutionally, and the McDonald v Chicago case in 2010 incorporated this into applying equally to the states. **1076 is unlawful on its face.**

Even the arbitrary term "gun violence" is a straw argument. The definition is MURDER, and/or ARMED ROBBERY. I believe we have laws on the books for that.

Even with the gun laws already in force here in CT, you now consider 1076, and how to further infringe on, and subvert the Constitution with even more restrictive regulation, fees, fines, and paperwork compliance; all with the **very blatant objective** to remove my right to protect myself, while expressly exempting law enforcement and government officials, the very government I have right to protect myself against. Instead of honoring your oath to uphold the Constitution, **this legislative body has instead generously gifted the criminal element of our society with the irresponsible Early Release Program, and the repeal of the death penalty.**

And what of the financial implications that 1076 will have on Connecticut?

- Where will State of Connecticut get the money to enforce these overreaching laws when the Connecticut State Police are underfunded and understaffed and their background checks are already **heavily** backlogged? How many more paper pushers will we need to employ?
- Where does the State of Connecticut, in its financial crisis, plan to obtain the financing necessary to defend the legal challenges that will come if they were to pass these laws?

Four major firearms manufacturers call our state home, but our governor, and this legislative body, appears to have made it clear that here in CT, you'll be picking and choosing who will be doing business

here, and have no problem risking the 741 jobs the industry employs. An industry that pays annual wages of \$61.9 million, and contributes state business taxes of \$13.6 million.

Finally, I would like to express my utter disgust regarding the outright and relentless vilification of the lawful citizens of Connecticut by our governor, and some of you, our local representatives', and our CT representatives' in Washington. The very bias, partisan and transparent intimidation tactics and disdain some of you have displayed toward your constituent 2nd Amendment advocates in this process is a disgrace.

As our elected officials here, and all over the country are now on a dangerous and an unrelenting path to seize and remove our freedoms, to control every aspect of lives... regardless of which side of the fence you sit on, all Americans need to heed the warning. History does not lie. You know it, and so does everyone here.

Yesterday it was soda, today's it's guns, and tomorrow..?

"We kind of agree with Mao that political power comes largely from the barrel of a gun"

-Ron Bloom, WH Former "Car Czar"

"So it's not surprising then that they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations.." -Barack Obama- POTUS

"We need to do this every day of the week and just really brainwash people into thinking about guns in a vastly different way..." -Eric Holder, AJ-

"What you see is the fringe of the fringe showing up in Hartford today." -Governor Malloy-

I thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lia Murrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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